



Georgia Francis, 6, enjoys the new Ipswich Children's Library

Welcome

Welcome to the spring edition of your council newsletter, **Community Matters**.

Supporting the people at the heart of our community remains a focus for this council.

The Ipswich CBD is thriving with the opening of the \$250 million Nicholas Street Precinct and a nod to our past with the new civic space, Tulum Place a place for the community to gather.

The new Ipswich City Council administration headquarters also opened which is bringing a beating heart back to the city centre.

Ipswich has the history, but also an exciting future.

Australia's first dedicated public children's library, the Ipswich Children's Library is the latest in library thinking and design, with a focus on interactivity and engagement while young people learn, explore, and play.

In spite of recent challenges, our city has much to look forward to and council will continue to advocate for major investments in infrastructure and services to ensure our city is able to keep up with the pace of our unprecedented population growth.

We must ensure that the City of Ipswich is a liveable, inclusive, sustainable and vibrant city, as we experience significant growth and investment, new housing and a population boom, which will see our current population more than double to 558,000 by 2041.

While we have been faced with unprecedented times as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have businesses ranging from the bespoke and entrepreneurial to the international and established.

We drive opportunities for prosperity and support businesses to meet consumer needs and deliver reliable and skilled jobs.

With the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games being hosted

in South East Queensland we expect to reap significant benefits to Ipswich including improved transport infrastructure and a boost to the proposed Ipswich Central to Springfield Central public transport corridor.

The Brisbane Lions training and support centre at Springfield is being considered as a venue for the football preliminaries and modern pentathlon in the 2032 games.

Council has a coordinated and multipronged approach to managing the growth and support for our fastest growth areas right across the region from Greater Springfield, Ripley, Redbank Plains, Deebing Heights to Yamanto.

More and more people are moving to the west to enjoy one of the most liveable cities in the state and a lifestyle which encourages a live, work and play environment.

Ipswich is a city of opportunity for all.

Mayor Teresa Harding

MOWING, THERE'S A MAP FOR THAT

In a Queensland first, Ipswich City Council has launched an interactive mowing map to give residents greater access to council services.

Council spends more than \$5 million a year on mowing and in its 2021-2022 budget announced it would spend an extra \$550,000 on mowing costs over the next year following last summer's unprecedented wet weather which saw grass grow quickly.

Now, council has made an interactive mowing schedule

available as part of its website. The colour-coded mapping system is used to tell residents when and where to expect council's mowing services.

Mayor Teresa Harding said council had listened to the community.

"We know this is an important issue for residents, council has taken this proactive step in response to the Ipswich community," Mayor Harding said.

For further information on the mowing map: [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/mowing](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/mowing)

RESHAPING WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING IN IPSWICH

A bold plan aimed at proactively managing the city's waste and recycling challenges for the decade ahead has been adopted by Ipswich City Council.

In 2018, China enacted its National Sword Policy, banning the import of most plastics and other materials bound for that nation's recycling processors.

In response to this major shift the federal and state governments have placed resource recovery targets to reduce landfill on local government. To address this challenge and other waste initiatives, council has adopted the Resource Recovery Strategy and an associated Implementation Plan.

It includes initiatives like a trial of food organics and garden organic (FOGO) waste collection (read more on page 6) with a view to citywide implementation, and a greater emphasis on separating recycling out of 'red top' bins.

The current council has sought to address many years of inaction to effectively manage the city's burgeoning waste management issues and plans to bring in modern



and forward-looking practices in Ipswich.

The strategy has four pillars that will be actioned over the next 10 years:

- Expand the core collection service to include a food organics garden organics (FOGO) bin for all eligible Ipswich residents
- Optimise the city's co-mingled recycling service including reintroduction of glass to the yellow-lid recycling bin
- Provide for a suitable kerbside collection service where household waste demands are satisfied, and valuable resources are recovered
- Have fit-for-purpose waste and resource recovery infrastructure that meets the needs of a growing city.

REVITALISING ROADS

Ipswich roads are being revitalised with a \$26.6 million spend from council focusing on all suburbs.

As part of the 2021-2022 Annual Plan and budget, council has allocated \$4.6 million to maintain rural roads and \$22 million for kerbing and channelling.

Mayor Teresa Harding said \$500,000 would be spent on unmaintained gravel roads and an additional \$686,000 on gravel roads in the next financial year.

Council has outlined the following projects in the three-year capital program:

- Waters Road, Calvert – FY22 \$300,000 to upgrade from an existing unmaintained, unformed gravel road to a maintained gravel road standard
- Borallon Station Road – FY22 \$200,000 for design and FY23 \$1.4 million for construction
- Grandchester Mt Mort Road – FY22 \$150,000 for design.

The kerb and channel program is expected to be rolled out over the next three years. There will be around \$15 million spent in Ipswich's older and established suburbs.

The following new projects are proposed for roll out in the first 12 months of the program:

- Hill Street (Mary Street to High Street), Blackstone, \$845,000
- Springall Street (McGill Street to Charlotte Street), Basin Pocket, \$275,000
- Gladstone Road (Ferret Street to William Street West), Sadliers Crossing, \$125,000.

For more information about the 2021-2022 Budget visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget

Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 232,930 residents and counting making it the fastest-growing city in Queensland.



ADVOCATING FOR IPSWICH

Ipswich City Council is ramping up engagement with State and Federal governments to advocate for the city's most critical regionally significant projects that will transform the whole of Ipswich.

Ipswich is the fastest growing region in Queensland and will welcome an additional 330,000 people over the next 20 years.

The Ipswich region needs investment to address gaps in social and transport infrastructure to support social opportunity, economic development and liveability.

The 25km Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor is council's foremost priority to address transport inequality in its key growth corridors.

It will service existing communities and an estimated 70 per cent of future regional population growth.

An additional \$10m is needed to achieve shovel-ready status. In the short term, \$1m of federal funding is needed towards the Options Analysis to supplement the committed \$1.5m of joint state and council funding.

To unlock the Ipswich CBD, a second river crossing is needed to divert 13,300 non-essential vehicles and provide network capacity to support population growth.

Council has funded pre-investment planning to date, and \$2.5m of government support is needed to progress to shovel-ready status.

Council is also advocating for upgrades to the Cunningham Highway Amberley intersection and Warrego Highway Mt Crosby Interchange. The 2032 Olympics provides an opportunity to secure long-term legacy and council is advocating to all levels of government for investment that will support our future population of 558,000 people by 2041.

The under-construction Brisbane Lions training and support centre at Springfield Central is being considered as the venue for the football preliminaries and modern pentathlon in the 2032 Games.

Ipswich City Council will continue to lobby both the State and Federal governments for the \$2.5m needed to finalise planning of the North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct, towards a Townsville-stadium style revitalisation of North Ipswich Reserve.

This project would boost Ipswich's capability to host events during the 2032 Olympics.

To seize the window of opportunity presented by the 2032 Olympics and upcoming Federal Election, council is finalising its tactical advocacy approach to secure investment in Ipswich's future.

Council is ready to work with all levels of government to ensure that outcomes are delivered for the people of Ipswich.



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An artist's impression of the redeveloped North Ipswich Stadium

INLAND RAIL UPDATE

Ipswich City Council has responded to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 47-kilometre Helidon to Calvert section of the \$5 billion Inland Rail Project.

The response highlighted the impacts on traffic and road safety of new level crossings, and risks regarding emergency management, noise and native flora and fauna among other issues in its submission to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC).

Council unanimously adopted the submission at a meeting in July.

Council consulted with the Office of the Coordinator General, and other impacted councils, including Scenic Rim, Lockyer Valley and Toowoomba, Transport and Main Roads, and the Australian Department of Infrastructure in preparing the submission.

Council adopted a response to the EIS for the 53-kilometre Calvert to Kaguru section in March, highlighting the need for more information on traffic impacts and monitoring of air and water quality during the section's construction and operation.

View council's submissions at ipswich.qld.gov.au/inlandrail

CENTRE DELIVERS FOR COMMUNITY

The Redbank Plains Community Centre celebrated its third birthday this year and in a short period of time it has forged a strong connection with the community and continues to make a difference in the lives of the most marginalised.

Managed by Multicultural Australia, the centre is run with the vision of providing a welcoming, safe, and inclusive space for everyone and to make a meaningful impact to the Redbank Plains community.

The services it provides include: youth support, playgrounds, multicultural lunches, financial counselling, community morning teas, photography groups, English classes and more. There is a monthly activity calendar which is regularly updated on the Redbank Plains Community Centre Facebook page.

"The centre also hosts support programs including children's health clinics and antenatal clinics, learner driver programs, immunisation clinics, library programs," Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said.



Cr Jacob Madsen, Cr Sheila Ireland and Centre Manager Jeril Thomas

"Sisterhood and Man Up programs, which are also run at the centre, provide support for men and women to overcome domestic violence and substance abuse, as well as deal with mental health concerns," Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said.

The centre is an initiative of the Ipswich City Council and the Queensland State Government.

DELIVERING FOR OUR CITY

In addition to city-wide investment in assets and services, the 2021-2022 council budget includes \$7.73m in capital for important projects in Division 1.

Many of these investments will also support local businesses and employment. Highlights for Division 1 include:

- Over \$4m in asset rehabilitation, including:
 - > Nearly \$1.5m in bridge, culvert and kerb and channel upgrades, including:
 - » \$786,000 in kerb and channel upgrades, including \$480,000 at Kirton Street and \$266,000 at Laurel Street
 - > \$1.691m in sealed road rehabilitation, such as repairs and resurfacing (with \$1.156m dedicated to South Station Road A and B)
- \$845,000 in drainage works at Hill Street
- \$850,000 sports facility upgrades, including: Redbank Plains Recreational Reserve, sport field lights
- \$1m in Redbank Plains youth recreation and skate area
- \$738,000 in local park upgrades, including:
 - > \$418,000 for Hardings Paddock visitor hut and Infrastructure
 - > \$200,000 – multiple projects at White Rock, Spring Mountain
- \$525,000 in environmental and waterway protection projects, including erosion prevention.

For more information about the 2021-2022 budget visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget

Division 1 stretches from Mt Mort in the west to White Rock in the east and includes Blackstone, Calvert, Deebing Heights, Ebenezer, Flinders View, Goolman, Grandchester, Jeebropilly, Lower Mount Walker, Mount Forbes, Mount Walker West, Mutdapilly, Peak Crossing, Purga, Raceview, Redbank Plains, Ripley, South Ripley, Swanbank and Willowbank.



IN BRIEF

Road upgrade

Council boosted its commitment to delivering safe and functional rural roads by 40 per cent on last year's budget. Council has committed \$300,000 to upgrading Waters Road at Calvert from an existing unmaintained road to a maintained standard. It's a road that is heavily used by the local community and works will be programmed to improve the usability of the road.

Be healthy and active

The warmer months are a great time to get outside and be active. A range of free and low-cost sessions including activities such as walking, running, Zumba, yoga, Tai Chi and more are held across the region as part of council's Active and Healthy program. For a full calendar of sessions, visit ipswich.qld.gov.au and search for 'active and healthy'.

Councillors coming to you

Ipswich City Councillors are coming to you, in your community regularly throughout the year as part of a commitment to engaging the community. Community Matters catch-ups offer an opportunity to discuss important issues in your area, provide feedback on projects and have a say about community engagement initiatives council is undertaking. To find out more head to ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters

NEW PLAYGROUNDS READY FOR FUN AT REDBANK PLAINS

Ipswich City Council has completed works to both Gumleaf Park and Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve.

The Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve playground received a \$2 million extension to the children's playground, with new equipment tailored to Ipswich's youngest residents.

The Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve playground works were jointly funded by council and the State Government under the COVID Works for Queensland program, with the State Government contributing \$1.8 million.

Gumleaf Park works included a new two-meter wide footpath, new timber bollards, park furniture, landscaping, lighting and new play equipment.

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the works to both playgrounds would benefit the many young families in our community.

"I'd like to thank the State Government for stimulating the local economy by investing in community infrastructure that gives local families a safe place to come and play," Cr Madsen said.

"I welcome residents to come and see these new parks and bring their children to try out the upgraded play equipment."

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the parks are not only safer but also lighter and brighter than ever.

"The park not only looks great, but the new shelter lighting should address some of the community safety concerns," Cr Sheila Ireland said.

"The new pathways, lighting, brand new toilet block and upgrade to the extension to the existing car park at Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve not only improves the look and feel of the park but also makes it accessible."



Cr Sheila Ireland and Cr Jacob Madsen get into the swing of things at Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve

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ROAD PROJECTS ON TRACK

Two major road projects are taking shape in Division 2 – the Springfield Parkway/Springfield Greenbank Arterial duplication and stage 3 of the Redbank Plains Road upgrade.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said work to duplicate the Opossum Creek Bridge as part of the Springfield Parkway/Springfield Greenbank Arterial project was progressing well. This is jointly funded by Ipswich City Council and the Australian Government through the Roads to Recovery Program.

“Council went to tender in late July for a principal contractor – the preferred bid will be

presented to council for approval in November,” Cr Tully said.

“In the new year residents can expect to see roadworks kicking off in earnest on the Springfield Greenbank Arterial from Sinnathamby Boulevard to Springfield Parkway.”

Division 2 Councillor and Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic said with Jansen Street extension works complete, the project team working on Redbank Plains Road upgrade would now turn its attention to main works.

“Service relocations are happening and the team is gearing up for road works to start early in the new year,” Cr Jonic said.

FORGET FOMO, IT'S ALL ABOUT FOGO

What is FOGO? It stands for Food Organics, Garden Organics – and it's basically composting.

Deputy Mayor and Councillor Nicole Jonic would like to thank residents in Bellbird Park and Raceview who are participating in the FOGO trial. You are doing your bit to help our environment.

Ipswich households combined throw away the same amount of food as approximately 100 Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircrafts. That's a lot of food waste that could be composted to enrich our soils.

Why do we need to change?

Currently, organics in your general bin are going straight to landfill which contributes to 13 million tonnes of Greenhouse emissions in Australia, while contributing to leachates and toxins that can seep from under landfill sites and contaminate groundwater, creeks and rivers.

What can FOGO? Food scraps and leftovers, meat scraps and bones, garden waste, dairy products, used paper towel and tissues, shredded



and soiled paper (even pizza boxes), pet waste and animal manure, Australian certified compostable bin liners (look for the seeding logo).

Did you know? The Federal and State Governments have set targets for councils to rollout FOGO by 2023, and the State Government wants a 55 per cent reduction in organics going to landfill by 2025.

BUDGET FUNDS UPGRADES

In addition to city-wide investment in assets and services, the 2021–2022 council budget includes nearly \$20m in capital for many important projects in Division 2.

This includes significant funding for council's capital strategy to help ensure Ipswich builds and maintains high quality infrastructure.

This includes smaller projects such as a \$75,000 upgrade to Richardson Park, Goodna, including a playground, through to strategically important multi-million dollar road projects.

Highlights for Division 2 in the 2021–2022 council budget include:

- \$16.5m – road projects, including Queen/Albert Street, Springfield Greenbank Arterial and Springfield Parkway and Springfield – Greenbank Arterial, including:
 - > \$1.4m – road safety and operations – Brisbane, Old Logan, Addison and Cairns Roads
 - > \$471,000 – kerb and channel upgrades
- \$1.836m – sport facilities upgrade to Atlantic Drive Sporting Complex – Sport Field and Lighting, Springfield
- \$430,000 – street furniture upgrades at Trevor Street, Bellbird Park
- \$361,000 – parks, sports and environmental projects, including:
 - > \$137,000 – waterway rehabilitation in Woogarook Creek
 - > \$108,000 – Springfield Central Sports Complex.

For more information about the 2021–2022 budget visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget

Division 2 stretches from Gales in the north to Spring Mountain in the south, and includes Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, Brookwater, Camira, Goodna, Springfield and more.



IN BRIEF

Community ideas sought

Ipswich residents are being called on to share what community facilities they want to see as council moves to protect and enhance the city's lifestyle amid state-leading growth. Council plays a leading role in planning for and investing in facilities such as libraries, art galleries and community centres. To help shape the future of these services, visit Shapeyouripswich.com.au by 17 October.

Give graffiti the flick

Ipswich City Council is committed to the rapid removal of graffiti throughout the city. If your property has been targeted by graffiti, a free removal kit is available and can be collected from council's customer service centre and the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre at Queens Park. A graffiti removal trailer is also available free of charge. For more information phone 3810 6666 or visit ipswich.qld.gov.au

Councillor catch-ups

Ipswich City Councillors are coming to you, in your community regularly throughout the year as part of a commitment to engaging the community. Community Matters catch-ups offer an opportunity to discuss important issues in your area, provide feedback on projects and have a say about community engagement initiatives council is undertaking. To find out more head to ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters

'PAINTING' THE TOWN PURPLE

Goodna's reputation as a jacaranda tree hotspot will continue for generations to come with council recently planting 100 new trees in the suburb.

The trees were planted at Evan Marginson Park, Kippen Park, Leslie Park, Warren Park and Richardson Park near the Goodna boat ramp.

Division 2 Councillor Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic said the new plantings replaced trees previously removed due to storm damage and ill health.

"Goodna is well renowned for its jacaranda trees and I'm thrilled to see these trees planted across our local parks," Cr Jonic said.

"As well as replacing removed trees, new trees were planted around Goodna area to enhance the suburb's already iconic jacaranda precinct."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said Goodna's association with jacaranda trees stretched back to the Great Depression.

"The original trees which the suburb is well-known for were planted by work gangs in 1932 and many have stood the test of time, enduring three major floods – in 1955, 1974 and 2011.

"It's hard to imagine the work gangs who planted these trees would have expected at the time that their efforts would still be brightening up our community all these decades on.

"Just as those trees planted in 1932, I'm sure these new trees planted throughout the Brisbane Terrace precinct will stand as a testament to the resilience and strength of Goodna's community spirit for many years to come."



Cr Paul Tully and Deputy Mayor Cr Nicole Jonic at Richardson Park
Inset: Trees on Brisbane Terrace in bloom

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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Did you know that council offers a range of funding support for local community organisations, including Councillor Discretionary Funds?

These funds can assist eligible not-for-profit community organisations to deliver community initiatives and activities.

Recent Division 3 recipients of Councillor Discretionary funding have included:

- **Riverview Neighbourhood Watch** – to support the Muscle in Maculata 2021 community event
- **Bremer State High School** – for student musicians to perform at local primary schools and attend a Queensland Symphony Orchestra performance at QPAC

- **Ipswich Hospice Care** – to assist with the purchase of much-needed clinical equipment
- **Ipswich Knights Soccer Club** – to replace damaged football goals
- **Ipswich Ratepayers and Residents Association** – to purchase a weather safe marquee and a pull up banner for community events
- **ArtsConnect Ipswich Inc** – to support the Our Stories exhibition featuring the works of local Indigenous artists
- **Riverview State School** – to assist with the Diversity with Dance program.

For information about council grants, including how to apply, visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/funding

GREENING OUR CITY HEART

Council has completed several greening projects in Ipswich Central, adding shade, reducing urban heat, and using recycled materials to improve the city centre.

Vertical gardens have been installed on Limestone Street walls and 20 planter boxes are in place along Brisbane and Limestone streets.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the added greenery would help beautify the streetscape and create additional shade.

“Making Ipswich Central more visually pleasing will benefit local residents and also improve the amenity of our beautiful city as we seek to encourage more visitors to explore our historic streets and to visit local galleries, restaurants and shops,” Cr Doyle said.

“Council has been conscious to make the project as environmentally friendly as possible through the



reuse and recycling of materials during the planting process.

As part of the Ipswich Central Revitalisation project, council has replaced fairy lights in two trees along Brisbane Street, with the aim of enhancing the night-time economy and beautifying Ipswich Central.

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

In addition to city-wide investment in assets and services, the 2021–2022 council budget includes nearly \$21.7m in capital for many important Division 3 projects.

This includes significant funding for council’s capital strategy to help ensure Ipswich builds and maintains high quality infrastructure.

Highlights in the 2021–2022 council budget for Division 3 include:

- \$18m – Asset rehabilitation, including:
 - > \$4m – Road rehabilitation projects, including \$1.874m for Stafford Street road resurfacing and rehabilitation and \$670,000 upgrade for Bremer Street
 - > \$1m – Footpath rehabilitation: Blackstone Road Footpath Rehabilitation
- \$692,000 – Civic asset upgrades: including Queens Park, Civic Centre forecourt upgrade, Art Gallery upgrade
 - > \$200,000 – Sports facility rehabilitation, including \$100,000 for Bundamba Swim Centre Toddler Pool resurfacing
- \$1.125m – Parks, sports and environment projects, including:
 - > \$500,000 – Denmark Hill Recreational Upgrades
 - > \$150,000 – planning and design for BMX Track (Wiley Street Park) Canteen Upgrade
- \$1.345m – Transport and traffic projects, including:
 - > \$1m – Eastern Ipswich Bikeway Link
 - > \$100,000 – Planning for Blackstone Road/Thomas Street/Creek Street intersection upgrade.

For more information about the 2021–2022 budget visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/budget

Division 3 stretches from One Mile and Leichhardt in the west to parts of Redbank in the east, and includes Booval, Bundamba, Collingwood Park, Dinmore, Eastern Heights, Riverview, Silkstone, Woodend and more.



IN BRIEF

Parks ready for play

With the cooler months behind us, it's a great time to get out and enjoy our wonderful local parks. Over the past few months, council crews have provided new layers of organic mulch softfall to 106 playgrounds across Ipswich, including many in Division 3. While there, crews also trimmed branches and ensured concrete paths were clear. North Booval's MJ Kinnane Park was one to benefit, receiving new softfall in the playground area to provide a comfy and safe landing for little humans.

Boost for Bremer

The town reaches of the Bremer River are a little lovelier with the removal of 75 shopping trolleys over three clean-up events held throughout the past year. Council is committed to improving the natural environment and local amenity for the community. It is illegal for a shopping trolley to be removed from a retail premises, with on-the-spot fines applicable.

Speak with your councillors

Community Matters catch-ups are another opportunity to speak with your councillors about council issues, activities, and projects. Look for your Division 3 councillors at Booval Fair, Collingwood Plaza, Ipswich Central Library, Leichhardt One Mile Community Centre, Redbank Plaza, and Riverview Community Centre. Dates and times are available at ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters

SMOOTHER RIDE FOR IPSWICH ROAD USERS

Ipswich road users will have noticed a smoother ride along two busy Division 3 roads with resurfacing works now complete at Roseberry Parade, Woodend and Brisbane Road, Redbank.

The Roseberry Parade works included road reconstruction, sewerage upgrades, and new line markings. To help minimise impact on school traffic, council commenced and completed this project during the winter school holidays.

The Brisbane Road repairs took place between Mine and Bridge streets, with the works aiming to improve the surface of this busy road and address drainage issues. Works included excavation of the existing road surface, placing of new road gravel, sealing the road surface, and replacing some sections of kerb and channel.

Councillor Marnie Doyle said the road resurfacing will improve comfort and safety for road users.

"Roseberry Parade and Brisbane Road are important roads, relied upon by residents and commuters, and these upgrades make them safer and more comfortable," Cr Doyle said.

"We're delighted that the significant upgrades are complete and sincerely thank residents, businesses, and road users for their patience.

Councillor Andrew Fechner said the new drainage on Brisbane Road will help the area better cope with heavy rainfall.

"The improved Brisbane Road drainage will help the area better cope with heavy rainfall and improve safety for residents, businesses, and road users," Cr Fechner said.

"The new drainage will also extend the lifespan of the road for many years."



Cr Andrew Fechner and Cr Marnie Doyle at Roseberry Parade

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The needs of swimming stars of the future and those who just like a splash will be considered as part of Ipswich City Council's master planning and design of the Rosewood Aquatic Centre.

"The current pool facilities have reached the end of their useful life so council this financial year and next is examining what the facility could look like," Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said.

"The planning will inform council's investment in upgrades to the existing facility."

The Centre was opened in 1966 and last underwent repairs in 2019.

With the population of Rosewood set to more than quadruple in the next two decades and no publicly available alternative in the area the new design will be vital.

"To meet the needs of the community, council is developing the Aquatic Facilities Action Plan and the Rosewood Centre falls under this plan," Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said.

"The new plan will guide the planning, delivery and promotion of quality facilities and programs for swim centres, swimming lagoon and water playgrounds across the region."

BAYS PUT BRAKE ON PARKING ISSUE

There has been a marked improvement in parking on a local street near a busy Ipswich high school after the introduction of designated parking bays.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said he was pleased with the result on Vogel Road at Brassall near Ipswich State High School.

"Community concerns were raised earlier this year about some motorists visiting the school parking too close to residential driveways, impacting residents coming and going from their homes," Cr Milligan said.

"I asked council's traffic engineers to investigate the situation to see if a solution could be found.

"An on-site investigation confirmed the issue, which was particularly prominent during peak school pick-up and drop-off times."

To alleviate the problem, Ipswich City Council marked parking bays along Vogel Road between Leahy Street and the rear entrance to Ipswich State High School.



Cr Russell Milligan with parking bays on Vogel Road at Brassall

"This is a simple and cost-effective solution which has delivered important access and safety improvements for local residents and motorists," Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said.

"It is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when council and the community work together to achieve positive outcomes."

SUPPORTING OUR GROWTH

In addition to city-wide investment in assets and services, the 2021-2022 council budget includes over \$4.8m in capital for many important projects in Division 4.

This includes significant funding for council's capital strategy to help ensure Ipswich builds and maintains high quality infrastructure.

Highlights in the 2021-2022 budget for Division 4 include:

- \$2.28m – Asset rehabilitation, including:
 - > \$663,000 – Rosewood Showground Amenity Block
 - > \$494,000 – sealed road rehabilitation projects
 - > \$408,000 – Sutton Park Skate Facility
- \$425,000 – local drainage and flood mitigation works
- \$150,000 – Rosewood Library upgrades
- \$1.289m – Parks, sports and environment projects, including:
 - > \$745,000 – Sutton Park Skate Facility Upgrade
 - > \$200,000 – Rosewood Showgrounds – New Amenities and BBQ Hut
 - > \$100,000 – Tivoli Sporting Complex upgrade
- \$672,000 – Transport and traffic projects, including:
 - > \$306,000 – Pine Mountain Road
 - > \$150,000 – Brassall Bikeway Stage 6a – Pathway Connection Stage 1 to Riverlink.

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Division 4 stretches from Woolshed in the west to Barellan Point in the east, and includes Rosewood, Brassall, Amberley, Pine Mountain, Yamanto, Karalee, Marburg and more.



IN BRIEF

Suppressant trial

As part of council's commitment to improving the local road network, a dust suppression trial will be carried out at Walloon this financial year. The works will extend from Haigslea Amberley Road to the end of the existing formed road on Hodgsons Road and along the entire length of the formed road on Budd Lane. The trial includes a dust suppression bitumen seal to the existing gravel surface.

Reserve upgrade on way

Design is underway for new change rooms to be built to replace the existing facilities within Blue Gum Reserve at Karalee. Under council's three-year capital works program, construction is expected in the 2022-2023 financial year. This is certainly something for reserve users to look forward to! Keep your eye on council's civic projects page online for updates as the design progresses.

Share your concerns

Ipswich City Councillors are coming to you, in your community regularly throughout the year as part of a commitment to engaging the community. Community Matters catch-ups offer an opportunity to discuss important issues in your area, provide feedback on projects and have a say about community engagement initiatives council is undertaking. To find out more head to ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters

LOBLEY PARK LOOKING LOVELY

If you haven't been to Lobley Park on Warwick Road at Churchill of late, you're in for a treat when you next visit.

Council recently completed improvements to the much-loved park, and they are ready for residents to enjoy.

The works completed included replacing the existing timber bollards with a 1.2m high aluminium fence and new signage at the park's entrance.

Landscaping was also undertaken including upgrading the existing park gardens and replanting in selected areas.

Lobley Park is renowned for its mock cargo plane play space and imitation air-traffic control tower alongside other attractions including parachute swings and a barbecue area.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said the city's parks were an asset to the community.

"This iconic Ipswich park with its aviation-themed playground is a family favourite," Cr Milligan said.

"These upgrades are important as council continues to deliver community facilities suitable to our growing community."

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the upgrades were a welcome addition to the park.

"These upgrades will benefit local families now and for many years to come," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"There is no shortage of fun to be had at Lobley Park and I encourage local families to visit the park to enjoy the new and improved facilities.

"The spring months are a great time to get out and about and enjoy the many wonderful parks right across Ipswich."

This project was developed with the support of the Queensland Government under the Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package in association with Ipswich City Council.



Cr Russell Milligan and Cr Kate Kunzelmann at Lobley Park

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Community Matters

Catch up with your Councillors



Ipswich City Councillors are coming to you, in your community, as part of our Community Matters program.

Redbank Plains Town Square
28 October | 4-6pm
Ripley Valley Town Square
13 November | 9-11am

DIVISION 1



Springfield Fair
9 October | 10am-12pm
Evan Marginson Park
16 October | 9.30-11am

DIVISION 2



Booval Fair
11 October | 10am-12pm
Coles Silkstone
11 October | 1-3pm

DIVISION 3



Karalee Shopping Centre
13 October | 11am-2pm
Yamanto Shopping Centre
8 November | 10am-12pm

DIVISION 4



For the full list of locations, dates and times visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters or call (07) 3810 6666.

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